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Invention: CONNECTOR

Filing Date: March 1, 2005  
Group Art Unit: 2839

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.  
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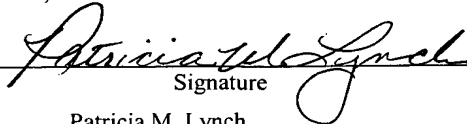
In response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2006, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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